



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
WASHINGTON DC 20420

April 8, 2013

Dear Guests:

Welcome to the VA Office of Tribal Government Relations, Western Region Veterans Benefits Summit co-sponsored by the California Area Indian Health Service, Pala Band of Mission Indians and Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) #22 – VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network.

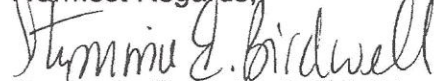
Ms. Terry Bentley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist for the Western Region, and her planning workgroup have put together a very robust agenda for you over the next two-days. We are excited about the opportunity to network, collaborate and educate about VA programs and services, as well as other federal and state programs that serve American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

During the registration process or throughout the event, don't forget to purchase tickets for closing remarks and the dinner buffet Wednesday evening, April 10, 2013, which starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Infinity Room. Cost is \$40.00 per person. We will have entertainment provided by local Bird Singers and a special guest speaker.

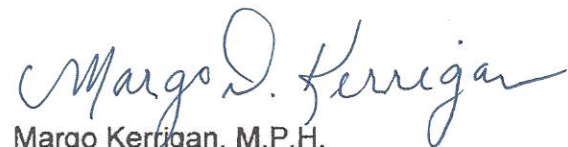
- **Early registration** is available from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the hotel lobby near the Sycamore Rooms. There is no cost for registration.
- **Regular Registration** begins at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the entrance to Ballroom 1B. There is no cost for registration and it is available throughout the day.

It is our sincere honor to have this opportunity to facilitate discussion focused on meeting the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans.

Warmest Regards,

  
Stephanie E. Birdwell, M.S.W.  
Director, OTGR

  
Robert Smith  
Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians

  
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California Area Director, IHS